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PSC MODIFIES HEARING SCHEDULE IN AQUILA ELECTRIC RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has modified the procedural schedule and hearings in an electric rate case filed by Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P are now scheduled to start on **January 9, 2006.** Hearings were originally scheduled to begin on January 2, 2006. These hearings, which will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building (200 Madison Street, Jefferson City), will continue through **February 10, 2006**, if necessary.

The Governor Office Building is a facility which meets the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or dial 711 for Relay Missouri prior to the hearings.

On May 24, 2005, Aquila, Inc. filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual electric revenues in its MPS and L&P service areas. Aquila, Inc. seeks an increase of approximately $69.2 million in its MPS service area and an increase of approximately $9.4 million in its L&P service area.

For the average MPS residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately $11.48 a month. For the average L&P residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately $4.54 a month.

The Commission will hold local public hearings on the proposed rate increase. Dates, times and locations will be announced later.

Aquila, Inc. provides electric service to approximately 240,000 customers in its MPS service area and to approximately 60,000 customers in its L&P service area (formerly St. Joseph Light & Power).

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